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**DR. LUCIEN MOOLENAAR, II, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC HEALTH, CONVICTED OF CONVERSION OF GOVERNMENT
FUNDS, GRAND LARCENY AND MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT
TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

Acting United States Attorney Anthony Jenkins and Assistant Attorney General Christopher A. Wray for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice announce that, earlier today, a district court jury, sitting on St. Thomas, found DR. LUCIEN A. MOOLENAAR, II, DDS, former Acting Commissioner of the Department of Health and current Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services for the Virgin Islands, guilty of all charges. The three charges in the Indictment related to Dr. Moolenaar's conversion of 63 monthly payments from the government in the amount of \$1,626.95, totaling \$102,497.85. Count One of the indictment charged Dr. Moolenaar with conversion of government funds in violation of federal law. Count Two charged Dr. Moolenaar with grand larceny in violation of territorial law. Count Three charged Dr.

Moolenaar with making a false statement to territorial investigations in violation of territorial law. The statutory penalty for the federal offense is a maximum of ten (10) years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$250,000. The statutory penalty for the territorial offense of grand larceny is a maximum of ten (10) years imprisonment; and the statutory penalty for the territorial false statement offense is two (2) years imprisonment.

Attorney Jenkins stated that the case was prosecuted jointly by the U.S. Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section, and the United States Attorneys Office for the District of the Virgin Islands. The case was tried by Trial Attorneys Armando O. Bonilla and Nicholas A. Marsh with the assistance of Assistant United States Attorney Major Coleman. He commended the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General for its lead role in this investigation. A sentencing date has not yet been set and the defendant remains on bond pending sentencing.